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0-5	Petition The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty	
0-6	Receiving Office (specified by the applicant)	United Kingdom Patent Office (RO/GB)
0-7	Applicant's or agent's file reference	DQ,015-PCT
I	Title of Invention	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING HANDLING PIPE
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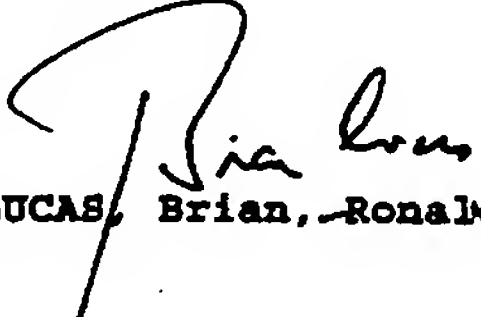
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V	<b>DESIGNATIONS</b>	
V-1	The filing of this request constitutes under Rule 4.9(a), the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents.	
VI-1	<b>Priority claim of earlier national application</b>	
VI-1-1	Filing date	12 December 2003 (12.12.2003)
VI-1-2	Number	10/734,923
VI-1-3	Country	US
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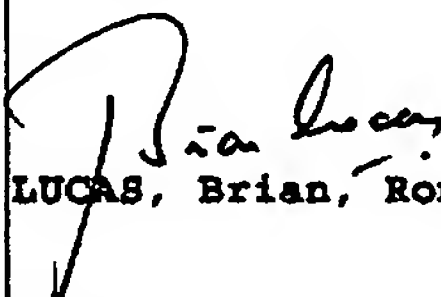
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VII-1	International Searching Authority Chosen	European Patent Office (EPO) (ISA/EP)	
VIII	Declarations	Number of declarations	
VIII-1	Declaration as to the identity of the inventor	-	
VIII-2	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent	-	
VIII-3	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application	-	
VIII-4	Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)	-	
VIII-5	Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty	-	
IX	Check list	number of sheets	electronic file(s) attached
IX-1	Request (including declaration sheets)	5	-
IX-2	Description	40	-
IX-3	Claims	4	-
IX-4	Abstract	1	✓
IX-5	Drawings	16	-
IX-7	TOTAL	66	
	Accompanying items	paper document(s) attached	electronic file(s) attached
IX-8	Fee calculation sheet	✓	-
IX-13	Priority document(s)	Item(s) VI-1 VI-2 VI-3	-
IX-17	PCT-SAFE physical media	-	✓
IX-19	Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract	1	
IX-20	Language of filing of the international application	English	
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